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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 1341

D/PW FOR HENDERSON

GENEVA FOR SIEVERTS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, CASC, LA

SUBJECT: DEAN/SHARMAN CASE

REF: STATE 040611 (NOTAL)

1. IN RETHINKING POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS ON DEAN/SHARMAN CASE, WE BELIEVE THAT BEST MEANS OF GENERATING ADDITIONAL PRESSURE HERE IN VIENTIANE WOULD BE TO GIVE WIDER DISTRIBUTION OF DETAILED WRITTEN INFORMATION ON THE CASE AND LET INFO FILTER OUT TO PRESS, RATHER THAN GOING DIRECTLY TO PRESS. IN DOING SO, WE HAVE IN MIND THAT ASSOCIATED PRESS CORRESPONDENT IS ABOUT TO DEPART LAOS, LEAVING "BUREAU" IN HANDS OF SEMI-COMPETENT LOCAL FOR TIME BEING, AND THAT UPI STRINGER (WHO IS ALSO XAT LAO EDITOR) HAS ALREADY FILED ON SUBJECT SEVERAL TIMES AND HIS COMMENTS ARE APT TO BE DISMISSED BY PATHET LAO AS ULTRA-REACTIONARY.

2. TO THIS END, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO PREPARE A CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS, INDICATING THE REPRESENTATIONS WE HAVE MADE AND THE  
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DETAILED SUBSTANCE OF THE INFORMATION THE AMBASSADOR GAVE TO

PHOUMI. WE WOULD SEND THIS PACKAGE TO THE FOLLOWING EMBASSIES  
IN VIENTIANE: AUSTRALIAN, BRITISH, RUSSIAN, FRENCH, THAI,  
JAPANESE, FILIPINO, INDONESIAN AND INDIAN AND TO INDIAN AND  
POLISH DELEGATES TO THE ICC.

3. WE WOULD PROPOSE IN SOME CASES (E.G., SOVIETS) TO ASK  
SPECIFICALLY FOR INTERVENTION WITH PGNU TO ACCELERATE ACTION.  
WE WILL PROVIDE SAME PACKAGE TO JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO  
IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT (JCCIA), WHICH ALREADY HAS COPIES OF  
AMBASSADOR'S LETTERS, AND URGE VIENTIANE SIDE TO RAISE QUESTION  
OF DEAN/SHARMAN AT EACH WEEKLY PLENARY SESSION UNTIL RESPONSE  
IS FORTHCOMING.

4. WE EXPECT PRESS TO BECOME AWARE OF THESE EFFORTS AND TO  
DIRECT QUESTIONS TO LPF REPRESENTATIVES AND SPOKESMEN.

5. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD PLAY THIS GAMBIT OUT BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT ISSUES STATEMENT. WE DO NOT WISH TO DISSUADE THE  
DEANS FROM BECOMING MORE ACTIVE, BUT SUGGEST THAT IN VIEW OF OUR  
PRESENT EFFORTS, EXTENSIVE PRESS PLAY AT THIS TIME MAY BE  
MISINTERPRETED BY LPF AND POSSIBLY BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. MOST  
USEFUL IT SEEMS TO US MIGHT BE APPROACH BY DEANS TO LIBERAL  
SENATORS SEEKING PERSONAL LETTERS FROM THEM TO SENIOR LPF  
LEADERS.  
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